

## THE LITTLE ONES.

Excellent Production of a Louisa Woman Read at S. S. Convention.

The following was read at the Sunday School Institute held at Deep-hole on the 28th of August, and by a resolution passed unanimously by the Institute it is published in the Big Sandy News:

Some one asked a mother whose children had turned out very well, what was the secret by which she prepared them for usefulness and for the Christian life and she said: "This was the secret: when in the morning I washed my children, I prayed that they might be washed in the fountain of a Saviour's mercy. When I put on their garments, I prayed that they might be arrayed in the robe of a Saviour's righteousness. When I gave them food, I prayed that they might be fed with manna from heaven. When I started them on the road to school, I prayed that their path might be as a shining light, brighter and brighter to the perfect day. When I put them to sleep, I prayed that they might be enfolded in the Saviour's arms."

"O," some might say, "that was quite old-fashioned." It was quite old-fashioned, but do you suppose a child under such shepherding as that ever turned out bad? Would to God we had more old-fashioned mothers. The trouble now-a-days is that mothers are too ultra-fashionable in their ideas about rearing the little ones. It isn't fashionable to demand obedience in a very young child. Just recently I heard a mother say: "Wait until my baby, (one and a half years old) gets to be 3 or 4 years old and I'll control her." Why wait until a child has learned to be disobedient before control is exercised? Isn't it just double trouble and isn't it an injustice to the child? Children who do not learn to obey human authority are unwilling to learn to obey divine authority. Children will not respect parents whose authority they do not respect. I have known families, and so have you, in which the children rule the household—have the authority. The high-chair in which the infant sits is the throne and the rattle is the scepter, and the other children make up the parliament where father and mother have no vote. Such children grow up to speak of their father as the "old man" or their mother as the "old woman."

Shepherding the little ones means so much—is such a responsibility. When God entrusts a lamb to our shepherding it is necessary first that we know the way ourselves—not merely to point the way but to walk therein ourselves to go before and lead. As many as 500 times does the Bible illustrate God's care for His own by the shepherd's care for his sheep, and for a picture of an ideal shepherd we turn to the 23rd Psalm, with which you are all familiar. God has provided for every want of man. In order for us to properly shepherd the little ones we must simply be under-shepherds of Him who is pre-eminently the Good Shepherd. What are some of His characteristics? The tenderness of His love is boundless. We cannot scold or pound our children into nobility of character. Some one has said that "The bloom of a child's heart can never be seen under a cold drizzle," and I believe it's true. Be tender then. Haven't you seen some children who were nagged to death? I heard of a mother once who was busy about her work and presently she missed her little boy and calling to an older child she said, "Go out there and tell Johnnie to quit whatever he's doing." No judgment.

Let's learn consistency. Don't put a bon on every thing the child does but merely upon the harmful-hurtful things. Now, I would warn you mothers against too much tenderness and leniency. As a rule the father is tempted to too great rigor while the mother's tenderness will over-compass her, so that it is necessary that there be harmony between the father's and the mother's government. If the father is correcting the child the mother must not interfere, must not coax off, must not beg for the child when the hour comes for assertion of parental supremacy and the subjugation of the child's temper.

The influence of parental character on children is not to be calculated. Consistency is the great characteristic in good parents which impresses children. The child will see and reflect on his parent's intention and this may have great influence on his mind. This influence may, indeed, be afterwards counteracted; but, that only proves that contrary currents may arise, and carry the child another way. The implantation of principles is of unspeakable importance, especially when called from time to time out of the Bible.

It is of incalculable import to obtain a hold on the conscience. Children have a conscience, and it is not spared tho' it is evil. Bringing the eternal world into their view, planning and acting with that world before us—this gains at length such a hold on them that there are few children who, at night in their chamber, in a dark room, in a storm of thunder, will not feel. They recollect that eternally which stands in their way. The opinions, the spirit, the conversation, the manners of the parent, influence the child. Whatever sort of man he is, such, in a degree, will be the child unless constitution or accident give him another turn. If he is a literary man his very girls will talk learnedly. If he is a grasping, hard, miserly man, such will be his children. This I speak of as generally the case. It may happen that the child may be driven into disgust. The miser for instance often implants disgust and his son becomes a spendthrift.

A child's interest should be awakened in love for nature, for animals and birds. If he is taught that the humblest living creature should have his protection and affection he will never be thoughtless or cruel in his treatment of them. A child may be told of God's love in the wonderful gifts of the things of earth—the flowers and fruits for beauty and use.

Wonder may be awakened in his mind in the immensity of the universe, the glory of the sun, the beauty and mystery of the stars, the expanse of sky and sea. The religious spirit should be fostered in childhood. And, as Dr. Hamill says, "At the foundation of all American child training should be reverence for parents, home, the church, for law, the truth and God." Moreover that children should be trained to keep holy the Sabbath. How lax, not only Americans, but Christians, have gotten to be in their observance of the Sabbath. At this point we need to be most careful in shepherding the little ones. The Sabbath should not be left to the child's whims. Let the parent have an old fashioned sense of honor and so instill it into the child that their word once given should be an end of doubt and dispute. Say "no" and mean no, or "yes" and mean yes—don't forbid a child's doing a thing in such a way that the child knows he may do the very thing you forbid and that no punishment will follow in consequence. I actually have more respect for the child in such an instance than for the vacillating, undependable parent.

The personality of the mother has much to do in originating in the child the earliest ideas of God and immortality. You mothers and fathers to whose shepherding God has entrusted one or more little ones, do you study your Bibles in order that you may know how God would have you rear those precious little beings? Don't depend on what your pastor or Sunday School superintendent or teacher tells you, but study the guide book of life and find out for yourself the duties God imposes upon you as parents. The sincerity of a mother's faith, her reverence for all sacred and holy things—these are almost unconsciously observed by the child and form an impression never to be forgotten. After all in some cases, perhaps, every thing seems to have been done and exhibited by the pious parent in vain, yet he casts his bread upon the waters and perhaps after he has been in his grave twenty years his son remembers what his father told him. And then, you may be twenty years in heaven before salvation comes to the heart of some wanderer of your family who has wandered far away from God, he will be brought into the kingdom, and before the throne of God you will rejoice that you were faithful. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

## OUR NEIGHBORS.

Miss Riddle Stapleton, daughter of Mrs. Emma Stapleton, of Oil Springs, and J. D. Mayo, Jr., of Prestonsburg, were married at the Southern Methodist Conference, Paintsville, last week.

Dr. Gambill, of Martha, Lawrence county, was seriously ill the first of the week and Dr. Williams was summoned to his bedside. Dr. Williams returned home Wednesday and reports Dr. Gambill much improved.

The Wintergreen Oil Company has been organized and incorporated. The new organization is composed of Huntington capitalists and the principal office of the company is located at Huntington. The purposes and objects of the concern are to drill for oil in Wayne county.

Riding for the first time in his life on a railroad train, R. C. Ambury, a farmer from Knott county, passed through Lexington on his way to Pyote, Texas, where he and his family, consisting of a wife and nine children, will make their home. Ambury is about 38 years of age. His family accompanied him.

The Selby Shoe Company, of Portsmouth, it is learned on good authority, has perfected all arrangements for establishing a branch factory at Ashland. The company has leased a large and suitable building, has purchased all the necessary equipments and hopes to have the plant in operation by the first of September. For the present the company will operate only a fitting room, but later other departments will be added.

The following is the Democratic ticket for Greenup:  
Representative—J. H. Williams.  
County Judge—J. Watt Womack.  
County Attorney—W. T. Cole.  
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County Clerk—S. C. Howland.  
Jailer—John Young.  
Assessor—L. M. VanBibber.  
Coroner—Dr. R. C. Biggs.  
Surveyor—M. C. Spencer.

Greenup, Ky., Aug. 27.—Edward Conley was shot and fatally wounded and Constable Phillip Joseph and Noah Watkins were shot and seriously wounded in a fight here today. Joseph attempted to arrest Conley for some misdemeanor when the latter, it is said, wrenched a rifle from his hand and shot both Joseph and Watkins. Joseph then secured the rifle and shot Conley. Watkins was a posseman summoned to assist Joseph in arresting Conley.

As a result of an inquiry instituted by John M. Spradlin, Justice of the Peace, warrants were issued for Jim Hite, Morg Bowen and J. B. Engerman, and they were arrested and are now in jail charged with dynamiting the drum wheel at the Greasy Creek Coal Company's mines at Williamsport, this county. Their preliminary trial will be held Saturday, Sept. 4, before Justice Spradlin. John S. Butcher, deputy sheriff, was also arrested as an accessory and his ex-anching trial will be held at the same time. He was admitted to bail—Paintsville Herald.

Mildred Bryant, aged 8, who has been making her home at the residence of Fred Atkinson for two years was seriously burned by the explosion of an alcohol lamp early Sunday morning and it is not thought she can recover. Mr. Atkinson heard the explosion and the screams of the little girl and went to her assistance with all possible haste. When he reached her she was ablaze from head to foot. He grabbed a blanket and threw it around her and in this manner managed to extinguish the flames. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson deeply regret the unfortunate occurrence and are doing all in their power to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate little girl.—Paintsville Herald.

A wedding of unusual interest and which would do justice to a thrilling romance of fiction was consummated at The Shively Sunday morning. From their homes in the mountainous section of Eastern Kentucky, eighteen miles from Pikeville, Tilda Taylor, 15, and R. L. Vest, 21, both of prominent and wealthy families, eloped Sunday to this city and were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock at The Shively by the Rev. A. H. Davis, of the Methodist Church.

Vest secured a mule from his father's barn shortly after 5 o'clock Sunday morning, and steadily he rode to the home of his fair one, and caught her when she jumped from the window of her room. Just the same as the two hearts were one did they ride the animal, and they hurried away to Pikeville in time to



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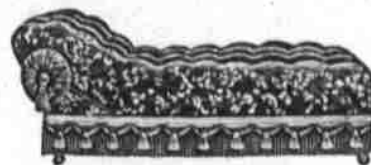
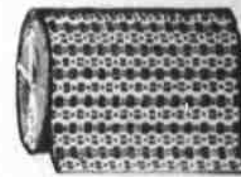
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Inez, Ky., Aug. 29.—A fight in which wagon breaks, stones and shot guns were freely used occurred at the mouth of Emily ten miles east of here today. A dispute arose, it is said, over the election between James Kirk and James Moore. In the crowd was Moses Newsom, brother-in-law to Kirk, and James Muncy, whom it is said took up the row for Moore. A fight was precipitated which culminated in Kirk being knocked down twice with a wagon break by Moore. Newsom rushed into the horse and seizing a shot gun emptied it into the body of Muncy, who is in a critical condition. Kirk and Newsom then began pelting Moore with stones, compelling him to pick 'em up and set 'em down faster than usual.

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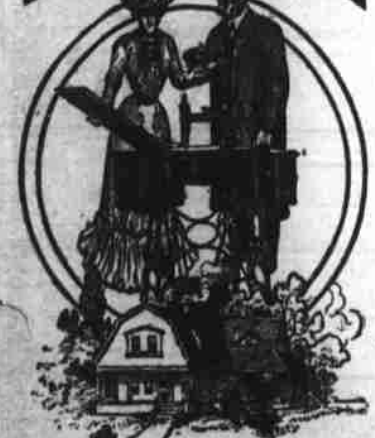
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